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The true Duty and Courage of a Christian, in reli-
ance upon God's Mercies and Favours, for Defence and
Victory ; and what ought to be chiefly considered there-
in : Proved from Scripture Consolations, and reduced
to the practical Benefit and Advantage of all good People,

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Psalm. 27. 1, 2, 3.

The Lord is my Light and my Salvation, whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my Life, of whom shall I be afraid? When the Wicked, even mine Enemies and my Foes came upon me, to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell. Though an Host should encamp against me, my Heart shall not fear: though War should rise against me, in this will I be confident.

FROM this let us consider the great Advantage those have, who have the Lord for their Light and Salvation. In the first place it gives them joy and peace within; and, in the second place, emboldens them to stand unmoved in the midst of Storms and Tempests, of Trouble and Confusion; makes them, as the Wise Man says, bold as a Lyon; *Whom shall I fear?* says the Text: why there are many things to be afraid of; a subtil Enemy may lay a close Ambush, or wicked Men privily Conspire; aye, but continues he, *The Lord is the strength of my Life.* This indeed, to a good Man is a soverain Cordial to fortifie his Spirits against fear; this is Armour that nothing can enter to do him.

him hurt. The Lord thy strength; why, there needs no other; nor needest thou be afraid. The Lord is an Army, a Tower, a Rock, a Fortres, a strong Hold; or what thou wilt to defend thee, and preserve thee, against the face of thine Enemies: *I will extol thee O Lord, for thou hast lifted me up, and hast not made my Foes to rejoyce over me.* Psal. 30. 1.

If the Lord be on our side we need not fear what Man can do unto us; if he be our Light and our Salvation, though Hell and Earth Conspire, in vain are the attempts of Satan or his Instruments: the mighty God of Jacob is a Refuge sufficient to protect us, even from so much as fear: If we build upon him, we shall be like the wise Man's House, built upon a Rock; though the Winds and Waves beat never so fiercely, we shall stand secure; the Storm shall spend it self in vain, and all the mighty Tempest roul away: for in the time of Trouble, says David, *He shall hide me in his Pavilion, in the secret of his Tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a Rock; now shall my Head be lifted up above mine Enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his Tabernacle Sacrifices of joy; yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord.* Psal. 27. 5, 6.

There is joy and triumph in him that is able and willing to save his People, from the hands of their Enemies, and all those that hate them. *Of whom shall I be afraid?* says the holy Psalmist in the Text; why? under such a Security there is no need of fear; and this brings me to observe, where he pointed at those who thought to make him afraid; as it follows in the next verse, *When the wicked, even mine enemies, and my foes came upon me, to eat my flesh.*

From this 'tis to be considered, the Royal Prophet (as all good Men have) had Enemies, that not only envyyed the Blessings God had bestowed upon him, in making him King over the chosen Seed of Jacob, and succeeding him in the Throne of Saul his Father-in-Law, whom (for his perversness in Governing, and disobedience to the Divine Command) God had rejected, but raised War against him to disturb his Government: and, as he words it, *To eat up his flesh;* which must be understood to take his Life, De-
throne.

throne him, and possess themselves of his Kingdom; and indeed they pushed hard at him, like Bulls of Bashan, but overset themselves in their Career: for in the next words we find they missed their market, and were deceived of their hopes, for *they stumbled and fell*; they could not stand before one who had such a Champion on his side, as the Lord of Hosts, the God of Battels, the King of all Power; for comparing his Almighty Puffance by earthly and visible things, and such as are of most Force and Terror, In the 97th. Psalm, we find this Description. *The Lord Reigneth, let the Earth Rejoyce, and the multitude of the Isles be glad; therefore clouds and darkness are round about him, righteousness and judgment are the Habitations of his Throne; a fire goeth before him and burneth up his Enemies round about, his lightnings enlightens the World; the Earth saw and trembled, the Hills melted like Wax, at the presence of the Lord of the whole Earth; the Heavens declare his Righteousness, and all the people see his Glory.* This Excellency and Power of the Almighty, makes him in the next verse break into a passionate expression against his Enemies: viz. *Confounded be they that serve graven Images, and boast themselves in Idols.*

This we may apply to our selves, our Enemies beset us round about; they thought to tread us down, and take away the Hedges of our Vineyard; but in vain were the thoughts of their Imaginations, and their ways were perverse before the Lord, who hedgeth about our Vineyard, keeping out the wild Boars of the Forest that would root it up, and the little Foxes that would pluck off its tender Branches: they in their full Career (when they thought themselves most assured) *stumbled and fell*, because they regarded not the work of the Lord, nor the operation of his Hands; *he shall destroy them and not build them up.* Psal. 38. 5.

And now we come to consider, That there is nothing can shake or breed terror in those that put their trust in the Lord; for they shall be as Mount Sion that abideth for ever. Though

Though an Hoast (says the Psalmist in my Text) should
 Examp. against me, my Heart shall not fear: No shadows
 of Amazement can over-run the Soul, whose confidence
 is in the Lord: he will protect those that fear and serve
 him, and make the courage and strength of their Adver-
 saries fade, like a Flower that droops before the heat of
 the Sun; and withers all their Courage and Resolution
 like the Grass of the Field: as we have lately seen, even
 when our Enemies thought to swallow us up, and our
 Foes came upon us to eat up our Flesh, they found them-
 selves disappointed: and, as if the Prophet Isaiah had point-
 ed at them, Chap. 40. vers. 24. Yea, they shall not be plant-
 ed; yea they shall not be sown; yea their stock shall not take root
 in the Earth; he shall also blow upon them; and they shall
 wither, and the Whirlwind shall take them away as Scrubbe.
 And in sign of Protection of the King and his People,
 and the defeat of their Enemies, we have it in the next
 Chapter, vers. 9, 10, 11, 12, 13. Thou whom I have ta-
 ken from the ends of the Earth, and called thee from the chief
 Men thereof, and said unto thee, Thou art my Servant; I have
 chosen thee, and not cast thee away: Fear thou not, for I am
 with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God; I will strength-
 en thee, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right
 hand of my Righteousness. Behold all that were incensed against
 thee shall be ashamed and confounded, they shall be as nothing,
 and they that strive with thee shall perish. Thou shalt seek them
 and shalt not find them, even them that contend with thee; they
 that War against thee shall be as nothing, as a thing of nought:
 For the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto
 thee, fear not, for I will help thee.
 And in this Case, though War rise against us, we may
 be confident, and if our Enemies have found the
 Arm of the Lord stretched forth against them in our De-
 fence, as we have seen all along, in the glorious success,
 not only in England and Scotland, but the Kingdom of
 Ireland also, where the mighty, not to be out of our Enemies
 are guided, by his Majesty's prudent conduct, and per-
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sonal Valour, hazarding his Sacred Person in the most Imminent Dangers, even to a Miracle; escaping the dangerous Shot of the Enemy, that was so near as to threaten him with Death, by a Wound he received. But such is the peculiar Care of Heaven for good Princes, that even Death it self, the King of Terrors, is oft Countermanded in his daring Attempt upon their Sacred Lives; as we find in the Example of *Hazekiah*, when even the Prophet had pronounced his being taken from his Earthly to another Kingdom; that is, to leave Mortality for Immortality, and perhaps Glory transcending all the pleasures of the World, crouded into one real Joy, if any such thing there be on Earth. God immediately Countermanded it, reversing the Decree, and adding to his days. And now may it be said, *The King shall joy in thy strength, O Lord, and in thy Salvation, how greatly shall he rejoice; thou hast given him his hearts desire, and hast not withheld the request of his Lips; for thou preventest him with the blessings of Goodness, thou settest a Crown of pure Gold on his Head; his Glory is great in thy Salvation, Honour and Majesty hast thou laid upon him.* Psal. 21. These are the Blessings God bestows on those that fear, love, and obey him. Therefore give unto the Lord, O ye Mighty, give unto the Lord Glory and Strength, give unto the Lord the Glory due unto his Name: worship the Lord in the beauty of Holiness. The Voice of the Lord is upon the Waters; the glory of God thundereth; the Voice of the Lord is upon many Waters; the Voice of the Lord is powerful, and the voice of the Lord is full of Majesty. Psal. 29.

But now, to come more particularly to the Words in the Text: *The Lord is my Light.*

This Light may be taken two ways; for an Internal Light of the Soul, giving a prospect of Everlasting Felicity, and filling us with Joy and an exhilaration of Spirit; or a prosperous guidance in external Affairs; as a Lanthorn to our Feet, to let us see how we should act and order our selves, to God's Glory, and our own Advantage.

In the first place then, It is the greatest Blessing thus
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thus to be enlightned; for where this Light is, no sorrow nor care can cloud or eclipse it; it gives Grace to the humble, and preserves those that through carnal desires strive not to quench the Holy Spirit; it enlivens and inspires the Soul with Courage and Bravery; and as one Wave follows another, so flows it with joy & pleasure to the Heart, making the Man that possesses it exceedingly rejoyce: no terror shall amaze or disturb our internal Tranquility; and in the literal Sense, as to external Things, it gives us a true judgment and understanding, to do and act in all our ways and actions prudently, honestly, and justly; and the following word *Salvation*, may be taken in the like sense, as to External Life, and preservation in Immortality to Everlasting; and a saving from danger in this World, and defending us from our Enemies: as signifie the following words; *viz. Whom shall I fear*, which may allude as well to Spiritual as Temporal Enemies; but very inclinable to the latter, yet with a reference to the former: and undoubtedly the Holy Prophet had an affiance in both; though in the the next place he considers; *viz. The Lord is the strength of my Life*: that is, both to save him Everlastingly, (as he often in other places expresses) and to preserve him from the danger of his Foes: *Of whom* (continues he) *shall I be afraid*: Afraid! what need there be any fear where there is such strength, such a Guard, at whose presence the Earth trembles, the Mountains melt, who holds the Winds in the hollow of his Hand, and at whose looks the Deep is dried up? And in the next Psalm, we find almost the like Expression; *vers. 7, 8. The Lord is my strength and my shield; my Heart trusteth in him, and I am helped: Therefore my Heart rejoiceth, with my Song will I praise him: The Lord is their Strength, and he is the saving Strength of his Anointed.* This strength (as has been hinted) is of sufficient force to quell all power and might, that the powers of the World, or of Darkness can afford or raise up: for as it follows; *When the wicked, even mine Enemies and my Foes came upon me to eat up my flesh, they*
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stumbled

stumbled and fell. By this we may see, how vain it is to struggle against the stream; to aim at, and think themselves confident of their ends, when alas! they rush like a Horse in Battel against a charged Spear, to their own ruine and destruction; they lose their expected Prey, and that is not all, for in the height of their expectations, by hastily catching at it, they stumble and fall, and great is the fall of those that set themselves against an Almighty Strength.

Though an Host should encamp against me, my Heart shall not fear, says the following words; and this we have seen verified, when the greater part of a whole Kingdom, with the Auxillary-Forces of *France*, and other Nations, were scattered, as we may say, in a moment, by those that took Courage in the Name of the Lord, and trusted not in Saints or Angels, but put him for their Strength, and for their Defence: *For the King trusteth in the Lord, and through the Mercies of the most High he shall not be moved. Thine hand shall find out all thine Enemies; thy right hand shall find out those that hate thee. Thou shalt make them as a fiery Oven in the time of thine anger: the Lord shall swallow them up in his wrath, and the fire shall devour them,* Psal. 21. 7, 8, 9. And herein we may be bold and confident, that God is a sure help to those that trust in him; *For though War should rise against me, in this will I be confident.* This Confidence has not failed us, nor never can; by this our daring and and merciless Enemies are defeated, who have so long harraressed and laid waste the poor Kingdom of *Ireland*, making its Inhabitants miserably fly for safety and shelter; leaving their Substance, for what was more dear, *viz.* their Lives and Religion; and we in a prospect of Happiness, & seeing prosperous days of Peace and Tranquillity, follow a necessary and prosperous War; and therefore, though at present War do's rise up against us, let us rest in this Confidence; let us put the Lord for our help, and we need no other: But to come to an Application, There is something extraordinary required on our part, and that is, to make a thankful, hearty, and sincere Acknowledgement to God Almighty, for his Favours

vours and Mercies, for his so openly declaring for our King and People ; for saving the first from so great a Danger, as threatned his sacred Person, and owning his Cause ; and for giving the last a more full assurance of his Protection and Love, in delivering them from their oppressing Enemies : *Sing then unto God ye Kingdoms of the Earth : O sing praise unto the Lord, to him that rideth on the Heaven of Heavens, &c. Psal. 58. 32, 33.* Let us sing indeed, Praise unto his Holy Name, and rejoyce in our Deliverance, that our Foes are scattered, and that so many Towns and Cities yield without Resistance, that Joy is restored in our Gates, where Sorrow and Mourning, Fear and Doubt so late took place ; and let us say, *My Lips shall greatly rejoyce when I sing unto thee : and my Soul which thou hast redeemed. My Tongue also shall talk of thy Righteousness all the day long : for they are confounded, for they are brought unto shame that seek my Hurt, Psal. 71. 23, 24.* Let us be glad, and rejoyce in the good of our Salvation, who has not suffered our Enemies to triumph over us, who by a mighty Power and out-stretched Arm has saved us, as he did the oppressed *Israelites*, and refreshed us with Water out of the Rock of his Love, feeding us with his tender Mercies, and leading us as Sheep out of the danger of the Wolves that sought to devour us ; and in some sense it may be said, as it was said by the Prophet against, the proud *Affyrian King*, oppressing the Children of Israel, viz. *The Virgin, Daughter of Zion hath despised thee, and laughed thee to scorn ; the Daughter of Jerusalem hath shaken her head, Isaiah 37. 22.* And what remains now, but that we strive to do well, and cease to do evil ; that we adore that Goodness that has done marvellous things for us, who has raised up a Prince to be our Deliverer, when we thought our selves at the lowest ebb : Let Protestants then unite themselves, and love each other, laying aside Disputes and Animosities, that Religion, and care of the common Safety, may be our chief aim and end, and be a happy People : Which God grant, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, *Amen.*

A. Thanks-

A Thanksgiving-Prayer for the great Success in Ireland, &c.

O Glorious, Almighty, and Eternal Lord God, to whom belongs Power and Strength, to do whatsoever shall please thee in Heaven and Earth, we Adore, Magnifie, and Praise thy Holy Name, for all thy Mercies and Favours, but more especially for thy great and marvellous Protection of our dread Sovereign, in the imminent Danger that threatned his Sacred Person, and giving him the Victory over His, and our Enemies; give him yet Success and Prosperity, and bless these Nations, whose Cause thou hast been graciously pleased to own. Give us, O Lord, Hearts of Thankfulness, that at all times we may make a deep and serious acknowledgment of thy Mercies and Favours, that so we may live in thy Fear, protected by thy Almighty Arm, and when thou callest us hence, we may dye in thy Favour; through the Merits of Jesus Christ our blessed Lord and Saviour, Amen, Amen.

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